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**BIOLOGY**

**0970/05**

Paper 5 Practical Test

**For examination from 2023**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**1 hour 15 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: The materials and apparatus listed in the confidential instructions

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

## INFORMATION

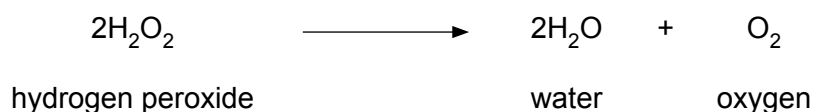
- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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- 1 You are going to investigate catalase activity in cooked and uncooked potato tissue.

Catalase is an enzyme found in plant and animal cells. It catalyses the breakdown of hydrogen peroxide to form water and oxygen.

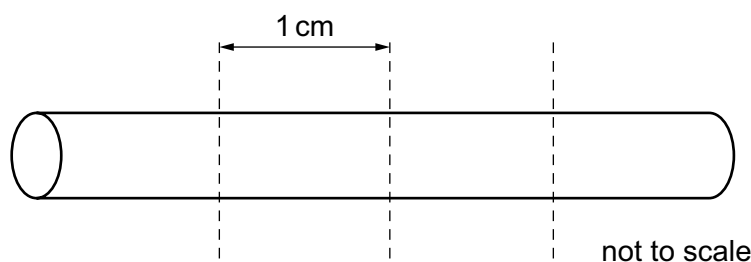


The oxygen produced forms a foam. You can measure the height of the foam to determine catalase activity.

**Read all the instructions but DO NOT CARRY THEM OUT until you have drawn a table for your results in the space provided in 1(a)(i).**

You should wear the gloves and eye protection provided during the practical work.

- Step 1 Label one test-tube **C** and the other test-tube **U**.
- Step 2 Place the two potato cylinders on the white tile. Cut each potato cylinder to exactly 4 cm in length.
- Step 3 Cut one potato cylinder into four 1 cm long pieces, as shown in Fig. 1.1. Repeat this with the other potato cylinder.



**Fig. 1.1**

- Step 4 Raise your hand when you are ready for hot water to be added to the beaker labelled **hot water**.
- Step 5 Put **four** of the 1 cm pieces of potato into the **hot water**. Leave them in the hot water for five minutes.
- While you are waiting continue with the other questions.
- Step 6 After five minutes use forceps to carefully remove the four cooked potato pieces from the **hot water** and put them into the test-tube labelled **C**.
- Step 7 Put the remaining four uncooked potato pieces into the test-tube labelled **U**.
- Step 8 Use the syringe to put 15 cm<sup>3</sup> of hydrogen peroxide solution into each of the test-tubes. Leave them for three minutes.
- Step 9 After three minutes place the ruler against the outside of each of the test-tubes.

Measure the height of the foam produced in each test-tube. Record your results in your table in **1(a)(i)**.

(a) (i) Prepare a table to record your results.

[4]

(ii) State **one** conclusion for these results.

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.....  
..... [1]

(b) (i) Identify the independent variable in this investigation.

..... [1]

(ii) State **two** variables that were kept constant in this investigation.

1 .....  
2 ..... [2]

(c) There are possible sources of error in steps 6, 7 and 9.

Identify **two** of these sources of error.

error 1 .....  
.....  
.....  
error 2 .....  
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..... [2]

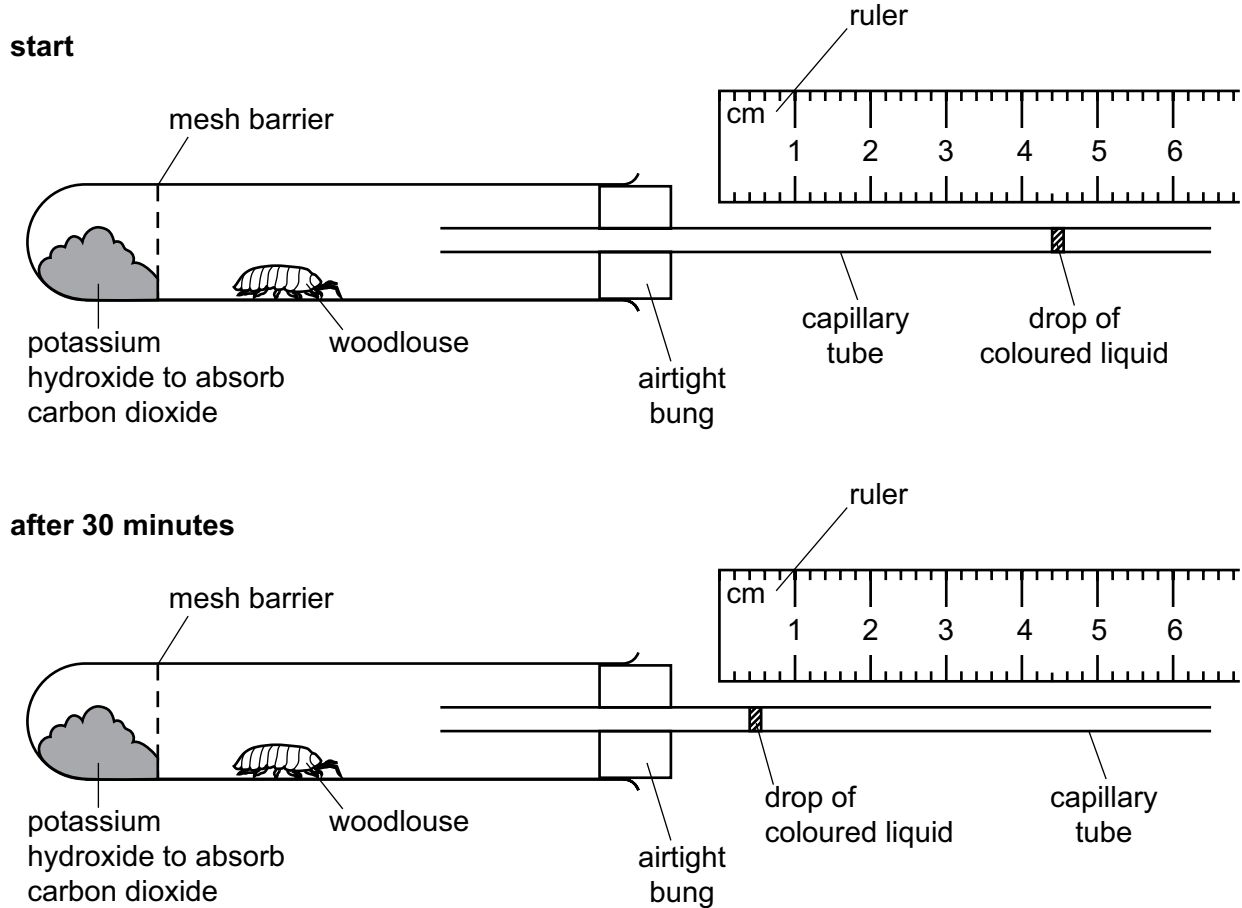




2 A woodlouse is a small animal.

The rate of respiration of a woodlouse can be measured using a simple respirometer as shown in Fig. 2.1.

As the woodlouse respire the drop of coloured liquid moves along the capillary tube.



**Fig. 2.1**

(a) (i) Record the position of the drop of coloured liquid in the capillary tube shown in Fig. 2.1 at the **start** and **after 30 minutes**.

start ..... mm

after 30 minutes ..... mm  
[1]

(ii) Calculate the distance moved by the drop of coloured liquid in 30 minutes.

distance moved ..... mm [1]

(iii) Calculate the rate of movement of the drop of coloured liquid in mm per minute.

Give your answer to **one** decimal place.

Space for working.

..... mm per minute  
[2]

- (b) The rate of movement of the drop of coloured liquid along the respirometer can be used to estimate the rate of respiration.

A student used a respirometer to investigate the rate of respiration in four animal species.

The results are shown in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1**

animal species	rate of movement of the drop of coloured liquid / mm per minute			
	trial 1	trial 2	trial 3	mean
<b>A</b>	1.5	1.7	1.3	
<b>B</b>	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9
<b>C</b>	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5
<b>D</b>	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9

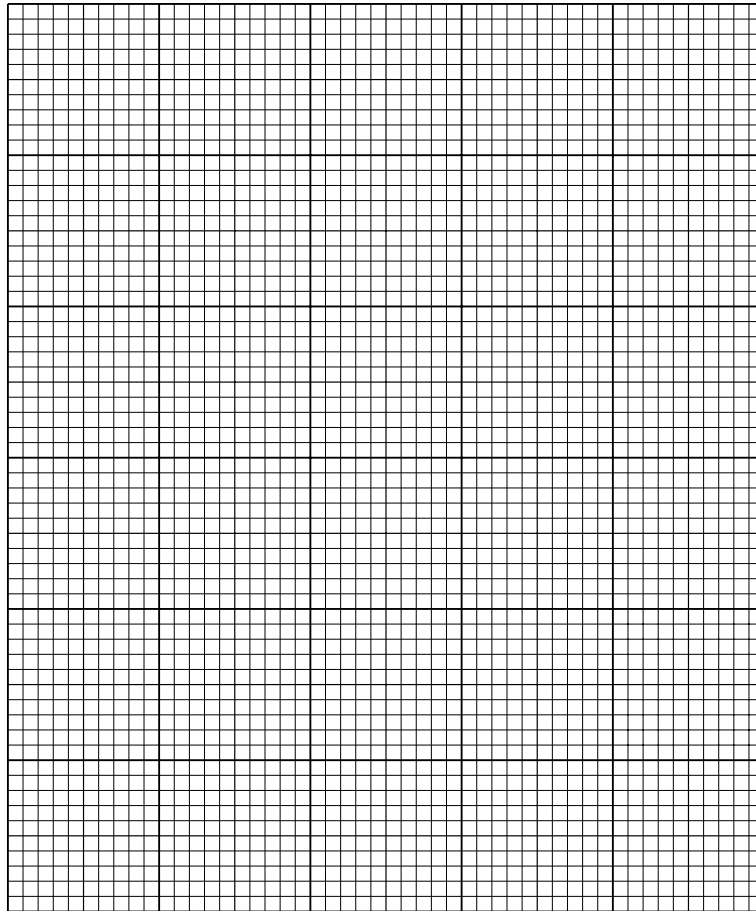
- (i) Calculate the missing mean for animal species **A**.

Write your answer in Table 2.1.

[1]



- (ii) Plot a bar chart on the grid to show the **mean** rate of movement of the drop of coloured liquid in the capillary tube for the four animal species.



[3]

- (iii) State the letter of the animal species which has the highest rate of respiration.

..... [1]

- (iv) Suggest a suitable control for the investigation described in **2(b)**.

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.....  
..... [1]

- (v) The student decided it would be better to calculate the rate of respiration per gram of animal so that the values could be compared.

Describe how the student could find out the rate of respiration per gram of animal.

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..... [2]

- (c) Fig. 2.2 shows a photograph of a woodlouse.

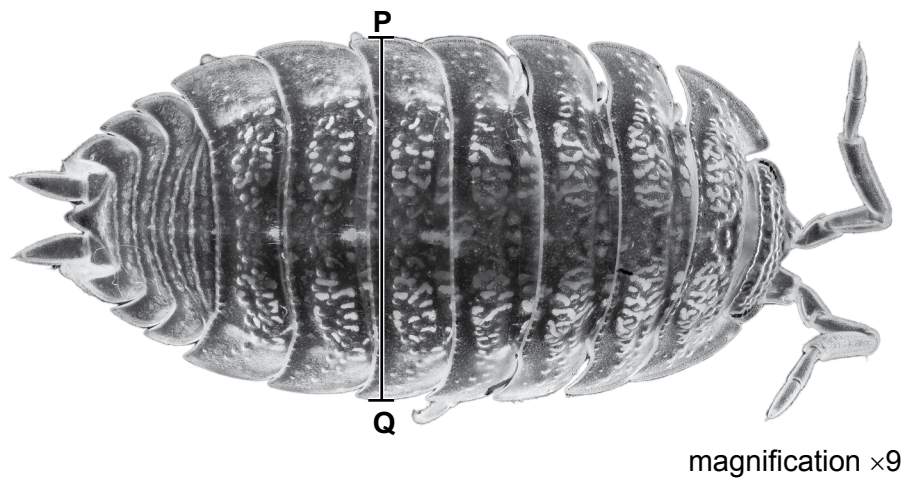


Fig. 2.2

(i) Draw a large diagram of the woodlouse in Fig. 2.2.

[4]

(ii) The magnification of the woodlouse in Fig. 2.2 is  $\times 9$ .

Measure the length of the line **PQ** on Fig. 2.2.

length of **PQ** ..... mm

Calculate the actual width of the woodlouse using the formula and your measurement.

$$\text{magnification} = \frac{\text{length of line PQ}}{\text{actual width of woodlouse}}$$

Give your answer to **three** significant figures.

Space for working.

..... mm

[3]

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Fig. 2.2                      © Ref: C026/1604; US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY/SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY; *Macrophotograph of a woodlouse (Trachelipus rathkii)*;  
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